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Philippines*: draft resolution

Science and technology for development

The Economic and Social Council,

Considering the critical and catalytic role of science and technology for development,

Recognizing the unique role of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development as a global forum for the examination of science and technology questions, for improving understanding of science and technology policies for development and for the formulation of recommendations and guidelines on science and technology matters within the United Nations system, all in relation to development,

Recognizing further that the Commission, in carrying out its work, should pay special attention to the needs and requirements of developing countries, in particular the least developed countries,

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* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

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Deeply concerned about the decline in resources allocated to activities of the United Nations system in the field of science and technology for development,

1. Takes notes of the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its second session; 1/

2. Urges donor countries to increase their contributions to United Nations funds and programmes in the field of science and technology for development;

3. Decides that the Commission on Science and Technology for Development should ensure greater transparency in its working methods and decision-making processes, including the allocation and utilization of budgetary and extrabudgetary resources;

4. Requests the Commission on Science and Technology for Development, through the Secretariat, to maintain efficient, rapid and regular contact with members of the Commission and provide them with advance information on reports, forecasts, resources and other elements that would facilitate active participation in the work of the Commission, including the working groups and panels that might need to be established to implement its work programme;

5. Requests United Nations organizations, funds and programmes:

(a) to sensitize the international community regarding the critical and catalytic role of science and technology for development;

(b) to strengthen their capabilities to contribute towards strengthening capacities in developing countries to generate applied research and development activities and results, and the application of these results to the industry and the actual user, including through pilot-scale projects;

(c) to facilitate and finance, including by catalysing other forms of financial support, South-South technology transfer and cooperation as an effective ingredient of self-sustaining development; in this context, possibilities of cooperation between developing countries and economies in transition should also be explored;

(d) to work in a coordinated manner to develop a catalogue of proved technologies to enable effective technology choice by developing countries of state-of-the-art technologies;

(e) promote more effective technology cooperation between developed and developing countries, in particular by providing better access to technology and transfer of technology from developed to developing countries, including in the areas of new and emerging technologies;

1/ Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 1995, Supplement No. 11 (E/1995/31).

(f) to enhance research and development institutions of developing countries, in particular of the least developed countries, in order to encourage and implement activities so as to reduce technological dependence on developed countries and promote South-South cooperation.